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LIARS AND COWARDS.

It is conceded by all that somebody sent to Washington reports concerning the condition of things in Utah. It was upon these reports that the President and military authorities acted in sending troops and artillery into the Territory. The President does not take newspaper stories as authority for doing these things. The newspaper tales may be corroborative, but officials are not in the habit of ordering out troops upon the assertion of some penny-a-liner, or two-dollars-a-column correspondent. No one will say that President Cleveland is so simple-minded and understands so little the nature of his position, that he would be governed in a course like that which he pursued last week by what he saw in a sensational journal. It may be set down as a fact that he was led to do what he did by something that reached him from Utah in a more authoritative way than through the columns of the press. Representations have been made to him by somebody in whom he thought he could place reliance. Ninety-nine out of every hundred persons of intelligence in Utah, no matter what their politics or religious belief, are willing to assert that whatever the story that reached Mr. Cleveland, and upon which he ordered troops to this point, it is false in sentiment and expression; that it is a slander, and was sent to the President through malice and with a wicked object in view. Now, it is just possible that all are mistaken in regard to this matter; that the report is really truthful and fair, merely giving an account of the situation as it really was at the time. The suggestion is not probable, because it is not likely that the President would have done anything if he had been advised of the facts. There is just one way to settle the matter as to the report, and that is for the person or persons who sent it to come out and let the people know what was told to the President that excited him and the country so visibly. No man need be ashamed of the truth. It is only the coward and liar who seeks to hide his identity, in a matter of this kind, and thereby avoid the responsibility for his acts. If that report is fair and truthful, its author will neither be ashamed nor afraid of it; on the contrary he will be glad to let the public know that he has not been guilty of misrepresenting the facts in order to create a sensation. The fact that there is stubborn silence as to the authorship of the report tells against the party or parties who made it. They show guilt by holding their tongues, and display the coward by refusing to acknowledge their work.

EDMUNDS' NEW BILL.

The San Francisco Chronicle of the 10th, has the following Washington dispatch giving the points of Senator Edmunds' anti-Mormon bill which was introduced on the first day of the session:

Edmunds has a bill to put the Mormons in chancery. It proposes that the act of the Legislature of the State of Deseret, under which the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was incorporated, shall be repealed and annulled, and that the temporal affairs of the church shall be managed by a board of trustees to be appointed by the President of the United States and with the consent of the Senate, and shall close up the institution as rapidly as possible. Under direction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Attorney-General is directed to institute and prosecute proceedings to forfeit and sequester to the United States all property owned by the Mormon Church, except the buildings used for public worship, and the Secretary of the Interior is directed to sell and invest the proceeds for the benefit of the public schools. The laws organizing and creating "The Perpetual Emigrant Fund Company" are also annulled, and the Attorney-General is directed to dissolve the corporation, to pay its debts, to dispose of its property and devote the proceeds to the benefit of the schools. The Legislature is forbidden to create any company or association for the purpose of bringing emigrants into the territory.

It will be seen that the bill is the one introduced by the Senator in the last Congress; that is to say, the telegraphic report tells of no features not contained in the old bill, while the latter mentioned had several provisions not mentioned in the new. Determined as Congress and the country seem to be to break up the Mormon Church, it is not probable that so infamous a bill as this one can become law.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CHANCE.

The men convicted in the Justice's court of lewd and lascivious conduct, immediately appeal their cases to the District Court. They listen almost disinterestedly to the disgusting details of their depravity as portrayed by the witnesses, and without offering a word in contradiction they seem anxious only to have the judgment of guilt declared and the sentence pronounced, that they may get into the higher court. It is apparent to everybody that the accused do not expect to prove in the District Court they are innocent of the offenses charged against them; they go into the upper tribunal with an entirely different object in view, their purpose being to escape punishment through technicalities. It is their right to appeal and we hope no obstacles will be thrown in the way of their taking advantage of everything in their favor that the law allows them. There has been too much denying of legal rights to accused persons, giving defendants an opportunity to cry persecution against courts and prosecutors. We sincerely hope that this cry cannot be raised in the cases that are just now the sensation of the town. Let them all go into the higher court, and be given all the privileges that the statutes and legal practice guarantees to them. Justice and the enforcement of the laws are all that fair-minded people should or will ask.

In the District Court these cases will have to be prosecuted by the United States District Attorney. He is charged with the duty of conducting these cases for the public, as much as he is charged with prosecuting persons for unlawful cohabitation by the government. Now, we would not have this officer use his power or influence to persecute the accused, and would feel that the administration of justice was disgraced if any of the defendants were denied a fair and impartial trial. At the same time, the District Attorney must not say it is asking too much to request that he manifest the same degree of zeal and energy in the prosecution of these cases that he does in prosecuting men accused of unlawful cohabitation. He has left no stone unturned in his efforts to convict Mormons, none of whom, we believe, has ever been able to escape after the Attorney laid his clutches on him. These men who are going to the District Court for relief are not Mormons, but that is something with which the government attorney has nothing to do; his duty lies in prosecuting the accused, Mormons and Gentiles, without regard to politics or religion, and everybody will expect him to do his duty now quite as energetically as he has done it for the past year. If the men who are flying to him for succor are guilty of the charges upon which they have been convicted in the Justice's Court, their offense is certainly as immoral and bad as that of the man who lives openly with his wives and supports them and his children.

The District Attorney has an opportunity now to disprove the frequently heard charge, that he is partial and prejudiced, and to show whether or not he is faithful to his trust.

AGAINST THE MORMONS.

The Philadelphia American says:

The duty and right of the government of the United States to put down the practice of plural marriage seems to us beyond all question. But with the mere opinion that plural marriage is right it has no more to do than with the opinion that the earth is flat; and it would be a piece of persecution to meddle with either. To punish a man for thinking it right to have more wives than one, when he has but one or none at all, as is the case with all but a few of the Mormons, is persecution in its simplest form. And to lay him under any disadvantages in the matter of taking up a homestead, which we do not impose upon any other person of the same class in other respects, is punishment and therefore afford to set a precedent of that kind, for as certainly as we do it will be appealed to against the members of other unpopular sects, and we will find ourselves in the grade of intolerance, which has the indignation at the bottom of the bill. We therefore protest against any legislation against the Mormons as distinguished from polygamists.

It is evident that the editor of the American does not understand the true inwardness of the movement against the Mormons by the Federal government and its representatives in Utah. The movement is against the Mormons not because they are polygamists, but because they are Mormons. Many of the men who are waging the anti-Mormon war, frankly confess that they care nothing about polygamy, but are bent on destroying Mormonism as a living faith. They are free to say that if polygamy were abolished they would continue the fight.

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ANXIOUS TOURIST—And what are two short whistles?

BRACKEMAN—That is the signal for putting on brakes.

ANXIOUS TOURIST—And three or four toots?

BRACKEMAN—Cattle on the track.

ANXIOUS TOURIST—And—ah—what is the signal for jumping?

WILL HONORABLE Thomas Marshall, Hon. C. S. Varian, or any other of the honorable members of the Bar Association, feel it incumbent upon them to move His Honor Judge Zane, that S. H. Lewis and C. E. Pearson be disbarred from future practicing in the courts of this territory? What has the highly moral Joseph of the Tribune to say about this? We merely make the inquiry of the honorable gentlemen from once having heard them declaim so sternly (in the Miner case was it not?) against "moral turpitude," the necessity of "preserving the reputation of the bar," and several other subjects which have a pleasing sound on paper. Those there are who seem to think that the Bar Association only cares to bother itself about the moral standing of those of its members who belong to a certain church. We repudiate this charge, however, with indignation; we feel certain that the conduct of the two gentlemen named will receive prompt and strict investigation, if (in the language of one of the most gifted of the bar members) it is only to punish them for getting caught.

CERTAIN of the measly press in this city have had much to say of late, because, forsooth, the government saw fit to rent a building next to THE HERALD in which to station its troops. We propose, this morning, to let a glimmer of light into the "cracked cerebellum" of those benighted scribes by inquiring of them the exact reason why the troops came to be quartered in such close proximity to THE HERALD. Everyone is aware that certain high and mighty officials have been arrested of late for conduct not necessary here to name; that others equally high were threatened, and that the aid of Judge Zane was invoked to prevent the threatened disclosures. It was while the quaking community was shaking from center to circumference, yet eagerly catching at the hope that Judge Zane would step in and save them from their impending fate, that it became noised abroad that in case every other attempt to get the evidence before the public failed, then it would be published by one of the newspapers, and THE HERALD was that paper. The panic of rage and desperation that ensued can be imagined from the tenor of Judge McBride's remarks during the recent trial. Quiet, but determined, meetings were held, and deep, mysterious mutterings began to be heard; finally it reached us from sources on which we can rely, as Murray would say, that threats were openly made that if THE HERALD dared to print that evidence, in spite of Judge Zane's rulings, it would be mobbed, sacked, razed to the ground. In this emergency there was but one step to be taken, and we took it. All the influence we possessed at Washington was at once brought to bear on the President and Secretary of War. The threats, which were daily increasing, were wire sent, and a statement of the condition of things here was accurately forwarded. The result was that the vast machinery of the military department began to be set in motion, and one morning, almost before the dazed originators of the threats were aware it had started, a battalion of troops arrived and was quartered where it could be readiest to do service if required. With such a neighbor, THE HERALD could laugh to scorn all pigmy threats, and it was preparing a special Fall Mail issue in the Vandercook case, when Judge Zane's decision came, and rendered all precautions unnecessary. We trust this explanation will set at rest a matter on which there has been such widespread speculation and conjecture.



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